

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, James Madison, the father of our Federal Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives," and;

Whereas, Every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right to access to government meetings and public records; and,

Whereas, An open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens; and,

Whereas, South Dakota continues to work toward protecting and enhancing the public's right to know through its laws, policies, and actions; and,

Whereas, The week of March 12-18, 2017, is designated as a nationwide celebration of access to public information and what it means for all citizens and communities:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 12-18, 2017, as

SUNSHINE WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.



Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State